

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 are pending in the application. In the Office Action dated April 9, 2007, the Examiner rejected claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Pat. No. 7,197,565 ("Abdelaziz").

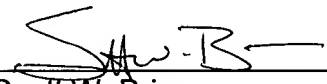
Under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), a person shall be entitled to a patent unless the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another **filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant** for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by **another filed in the United States before the invention by the application** for patent. . . . (emphasis added)

The current application was filed **Nov. 16, 2001**. Abdelaziz was filed on **Oct. 3, 2002**. Abdelaziz is a **continuation-in-part** of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/055,662, a **continuation-in-part** of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/055,66, a **continuation-in-part** of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/055,741, and a **continuation-in-part** of U.S. Pat. App. No. 10/164,259. Because Abdelaziz is a continuation-in-part of four applications, Abdelaziz necessarily includes information that is only entitled to a priority date of **Oct. 3, 2002**. Further, Applicants note that at least one of the four applications Abdelaziz claims priority to is only entitled to a priority date of **June 5, 2002**. Disclosure in Abdelaziz that is only entitled to a priority date of Oct. 3, 2002, or June 5, 2002, is not prior art to the current application that was filed on Nov. 16, 2001. The Office Action of April 9, 2007, does not indicate which specific priority date of Abdelaziz the Examiner is relying on, or why the Examiner believes the cited information of Abdelaziz is entity to a specific priority date.

Because the Examiner has failed to establish that the disclosure in Abdelaziz that is asserted to anticipate claims 1-30 was filed **before** the current application as required by 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), the rejection of claims 1-30 as currently contemplated by the Examiner necessarily cannot be maintained.

Applicants submit that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested. If there are any questions concerning this Response, the Examiner is asked to phone the undersigned attorney at (312) 321-4200.

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